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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--31 DECEMBER 1961

2. CONGO:

TSHOMBE IS NOW CONCENTRATING THE BULK OF HIS MILITARY FORCES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT KIPUSHI, NEAR THE NORTHERN RHODESIAN BORDER, AND IN THE JADOTVILLE-KILSEZI AREA TO THE NORTH OF ELIZABETHVILLE, LEAVING ONLY A SKELETON FORCE BEHIND IN ELIZABETHVILLE. THE MOVE IS INTENDED TO ENABLE HIM TO REACT IF, AS HE FEARS, THE UN REOPENS HOSTILITIES.

3. SECOND ATTEMPT EAST AFRICAN COOPERATION

LAST NIGHT ATTEMPTED A COUP IN BEIRUT. THE BULK OF THE ARMED FORCES

REMAINS LOYAL, HOWEVER, AND THE EFFORT SEEMS TO HAVE FALLEN FLAT.

THE CITY IS NOW RELATIVELY CALM.

LEBANESE SECURITY MEASURES ARE STILL IN EFFECT.

4. NOTES:

A. FRONDISI GIVES NO SIGN OF LEANING TOWARD A TOUGHER STAND

AGAINST CUBA, DESPITE WHAT APPEARS TO BE GROWING SENTIMENT WITHIN

ARGENTINA IN THAT DIRECTION. HE RECENTLY SENT A PERSONAL ENVOY

TO MONTIVIDEO

B. THE RUSSIANS REPLIED YESTERDAY TO OUR PROTEST OVER THE WATSON INCIDENT, COUPLING THEIR DENIAL OF BLAME WITH A NEW JAB: THE NOTE WAS ADDRESSED TO "COMMANDANT, AMERICAN SECTOR OF WEST BERLIN".

C. THE AUSTRALIANS YESTERDAY ~~PROVINCED~~ ^{admitted} DEEPLY AT DJAKARTA OVER THE WEST NEW GUINEA ISSUE, HINTING RATHER BROADLY THAT THEY MIGHT NOT STAY ON THE SIDELINES IF INDONESIA INVADES.

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E. VIOLENCE IS CONTINUING IN ALGERIA IN THE WAKE OF DE GAULLE'S

SPEECH, WITH ORAN THE MAIN TROUBLESPOT.

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